

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully submit this preliminary amendment for entry into the above referenced patent application before substantive examination.

The preliminary amendment amends claims 1, 6, 17, 18, and 19. Therefore, claims 1-22 still remain pending in the present application after entry of the amendment.

As required by 35 U.S.C. Sect. 132, no new matter has been added. The amendments made to the claims and the new claims are fully supported by the original application. Please refer to the attached listing of exemplary support for added limitations to the most of the claims.

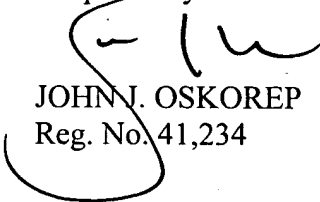
Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment and consideration of the application as amended.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if there are any questions or concerns regarding this submission.

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~~Respectfully submitted,~~


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EXEMPLARY SUPPORT FOR ADDED CLAIM LIMITATIONS

1. In a message center, a method of providing consistency in Short Message Service (SMS) time stamp formatting for mobile communication devices comprising:

receiving an SMS message originating from a first home time zone and intended for a mobile communication device associated with a second home time zone; [see e.g. page 12 at lines 9-21, page 2 at lines 11-14, see also MS conversion to home time at page 10 at lines 25-30]

identifying whether the SMS message has timestamp data formatted in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) format or non-UTC format;

converting the timestamp data from the UTC format to a non-UTC time format corresponding to the first home time zone based on identifying that the timestamp data is formatted in the UTC format; and *[see e.g. original claim 1, step 710 of FIG. 7, page 12 at lines 9-11 and 23-26, Table 1 Conversion Data]*

after converting the timestamp data, causing the SMS message to be sent to the mobile communication device.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

failing to convert the timestamp data from the UTC format to a the non-UTC time format corresponding to the first home time zone based on an identification that the SMS message has timestamp data in the non-UTC format; and [see e.g. original claim 6, "NO" branch of step 705 of FIG. 7 where UTC-to-non-UTC format conversion of step 710 is not performed]

converting the timestamp data having the non-UTC format from the first home time zone to the second home time zone. [see e.g. step 707 and 710 of FIG. 7, page 12 at lines 11-31 through page 13 at lines 1-13]

17. A method of providing consistency in Short Message Service (SMS) message timestamp formatting for mobile communication devices, comprising:

receiving, at a first message center, an SMS message ~~having subparameters, at least one of the subparameters including a timestamp~~ originating from a first home time zone and having subparameters which include a timestamp; and [see e.g. page 12 at lines 9-21, page 2 at lines 11-14, see also MS conversion to home time at page 10 at lines 25-30]

~~converting the timestamp of the subparameter from a first timestamp format to a second timestamp format~~

identifying whether the timestamp is formatted in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) format or non-UTC format; [see e.g. original claim 1]

when the timestamp is formatted in UTC format: converting the timestamp from the UTC format to a non-UTC format corresponding to the first home time zone; and [see e.g. original claim 1 and revised claim 1]

when the timestamp is formatted in non-UTC format: converting the timestamp from the first home time zone to a second home time zone of a mobile communication device which receives the SMS message. [see e.g. step 707 and 710 of FIG. 7, page 12 at lines 11-31 through page 13 at lines 1-13]

18. The method of claim 17, wherein ~~the first timestamp format comprises Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) format and the second timestamp format comprises non-UTC format~~ the subparameters include an offset value and the step of converting the timestamp from the UTC format to the non-UTC format of the first home time zone is performed based on the offset value. [see e.g. "UTC_TIME_OFFSET" in FIG. 7 and page 21]

19. The method of claim 17, wherein ~~the second timestamp format comprises Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) format and the first timestamp format comprises non-UTC format~~ the step of identifying whether the timestamp is formatted in UTC format or non-UTC format is based on examining an address from which the message was received. [see e.g. page 12 at lines 1-4]